

REMARKS

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for consideration of the subject patent application. This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2004. Claims 1-23 were allowed. Claims 26, 27 and 29-33 were objected to. Claims 24, 25 and 28 were rejected.

Claims 1-33 were originally presented. Claims 1-32 remain in the application. Claims 24, 26, 27 and 29 have been amended to place them into condition for allowance. Claim 28 has been amended to cure a minor typographical error. Claim 33 has been canceled without prejudice. No claims have been added.

The indication of allowable claims 1-23, and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 26, 27 and 29-33, if rewritten in independent form, is acknowledged with appreciation.

Drawing Objections

The Examiner indicated that the drawings submitted October 29, 2003 were acceptable. However, in the interest of providing the clearest illustration of the features of the present invention, Applicant submits formal drawings herewith. No changes have been made to the drawings.

Claim Objections

Claim 28 was objected to due to the term "in" in line 3. Claim 28 has been amended to replace the term "in" with the term "an."

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 24 and 25 (including independent claim 24) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Soldatelli (U.S. Patent No. 6,655,725) in view of Beliakoff (U.S. Patent No. 6,000,821).

Claim 28 was rejected over the combination of references applied to claim 24, in view of Kalana (U.S. Patent No. 6,604,834).

Independent claim 24 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 33 and is accordingly in condition for allowance. Consequently, claims 25 and 28 are allowable for at least their dependence from allowable amended independent claim 24.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-23 were allowed. Claims 26, 27 and 29-33 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Claim 26 has been amended into independent form including all of the limitations of original claim 24.

Claim 27 has been amended into independent form including all of the limitations of original claim 24.

Claim 29 has been amended into independent form including all of the limitations of original claim 24.

Claim 24 has been amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 33.

Claim 33 has been canceled.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-32 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant requests that the rejections and objections be withdrawn, and that the claims be allowed and passed to issue. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to call Garron M. Hobson or Jason R. Jones at (801) 566-6633 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

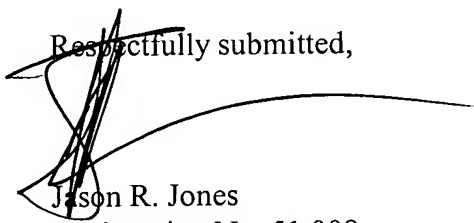
Check No. 20005 in the amount of \$129.00, is included herewith for the addition of three independent claims (claims 26, 27 and 29 were amended into independent claim form).

No extension of time is required to timely file this Response, therefore no additional fee is due.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Response to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

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